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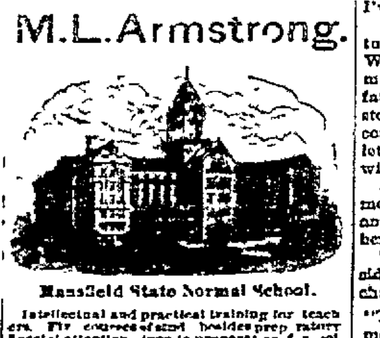

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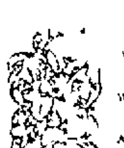

[illegible] western Texas,
[illegible] Clear Forks
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[illegible] still are a browsin'
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Where [illegible] rthers [illegible]
[illegible] from beyond the
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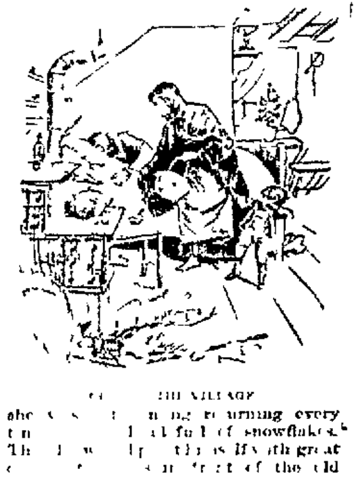

IN THE VILLAGE.

MRS. CHRISTMAS.

TRANSLATED BY J. [illegible]

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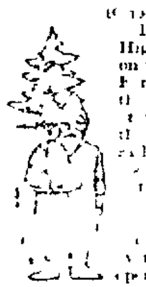


It was in the afternoon. High up in the mountains on the line of the Black Forest railway in one of the small cabins which [illegible] at regular intervals [illegible] of all [illegible] railroads [illegible] the [illegible] and men whose [illegible] trains [illegible] danger [illegible] a woman [illegible] husband the flagman, lay [illegible] bed in a fever. It had attacked him suddenly, he knew not how, and now he wanted neither to hear nor see anything, only to sleep.

His wife had brewed a hot tea for him and had him drink it. She was in despair [illegible] for little Jakob [illegible] Mother, dear, won't you go down to the village and get us something for Christmas? [illegible] the tree is already stuck in the pot and all I need are apples [illegible] nuts and a big, big herzlebkuchen [large frosted cake in the shape of a heart].

But whenever she put a warm wrap around herself and allowed the boy to drag her to the door a sudden fear for the loudly breathing husband would seize her and she would return to his bedside.

Little Jakob finally broke out into bitter crying that on this holy eve he was to have nothing but a bare tree, which seemed to him the greatest sorrow that this world could hold. The mother, with a sudden impulse, said to her husband: "In two hours I am back again. It is Christmas eve, and no child ought to be allowed to go empty handed. Don't you think I could get something for our little boy?"

"Yes, yes," he nodded in assent. "I am feeling a little dumpish yet. When I've had a sleep I shall feel better."

"Listen, Jakob." The mother then turned to the boy. "Watch closely. When the hand of the clock shows 5 minutes of 5, you must wake up your father, get his flag for him, and not stop until he is out there when the train comes. Do you hear me? You must not let up until he does it. I charge you with it."

Jakob promised. "I will not rest, mother, but don't forget I need apples and nuts a-plenty, and a great big herzlebkuchen."

The woman was already battling outside with wind and snow, when the child's clear voice rang out after her: "There must be almonds in it. Goodby, mother, and give my best regards to the Christ Kindl, if you meet him on the way."

Then Jakob went to his tree, gazed on it rapturously, and from time to time clapped his hands, for in anticipation he already saw all the branches and twigs hung with apples and nuts. Though the mother could not return before 6 o'clock, and the clock was now striking only 4, Jacob nevertheless every little while went out doors to see whether she [illegible] returning every [illegible] full of snowflakes. [illegible] with great [illegible] front of the old [illegible] swinging of the gate.

[illegible] was no mistake, the [illegible] the mother had [illegible] Jacob went to the bedside of [illegible] father, shook him by the [illegible] into his ears: "Father [illegible]!"

[illegible] was in a deep sleep. After drinking the tea a sweat had broken out [illegible] seemed to oppress [illegible] when the child bent over him [illegible] at him. But Jakob could not be deterred. He knew what was at stake if his father missed his duty. He got the flag and put it in his father's hand. He dragged the heavy overcoat to the bed [illegible] tugged and pulled at the sleeping man—but in vain [illegible] train signal could now be heard outside.

"Quick," the boy cried. "The train, father! Get up! Listen, dear father! Do listen to me!"

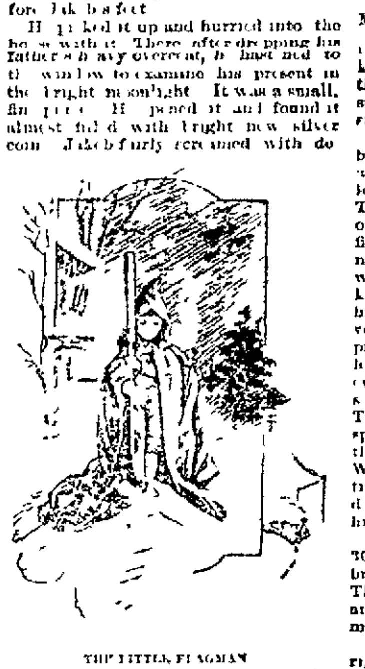
"Yes, yes," the man murmured. "I am there already." And he turned to the wall again.

[illegible] nothing left but for me to go [illegible] to himself [illegible]

[illegible] decision [illegible] slipped into his father's heavy overcoat, drew the cape [illegible] and seized the flag. He [illegible] just in the nick of time; it [illegible] moments later the train thundered past the grotesque little form. The snow had covered him from head to foot. With great seriousness he presented the flag and the rosy child face [illegible] most sweetly from under the snow covered cape—a storm wafted Santa Claus on a solitary night.

As such he may have appeared to the youthful lady who stood in the open window of a compartment car gazing out into the silent Christ night, for suddenly she beckoned with her hand and the next instant a heavy object came flying from the passing train right before Jakob's feet.

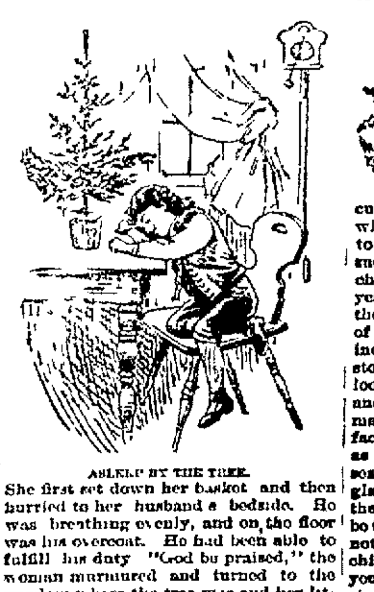
He picked it up and hurried into the house with it. There after dropping his father's heavy overcoat, he hastened to the window to examine his present in the bright moonlight. It was a small, fine purse. He opened it and found it almost filled with bright new silver coin. Jakob fairly screamed with de-



THE LITTLE FLAGMAN.

light. He never thought of a giver for was it not Christmas? No wonder that [illegible] from heaven.

He commenced to cover the twigs of his little Christmas tree with the coins, which was no small trouble, for they would continually drop off again, so that finally Jakob, quite exhausted, placed the [illegible] on his arms and fell asleep under his silver spangled tree. He did not hear when his mother returned, covered with snow and panting from exertion as she entered the room.



ASLEEP BY THE TREE.

She first set down her basket and then hurried to her husband's bedside. He was breathing evenly, and on the floor was his overcoat. He had been able to fulfill his duty. "God be praised," the woman murmured and turned to the window where the tree was and her little boy was sitting motionless. Softly, on tiptoes, with the basket full of apples and nuts, the herzlebkuchen in her hand, she stopped behind the child's chair. But what was that? Was the moon shining with extraordinary brightness tonight that a silvery shimmer seemed to proceed from the tree as well as from the curly hair of sleeping Jakob? The woman brushed with her outstretched hand over the head of the child and with a silvery tinkle little objects fell right and left to the floor.

"Great heavens!" she exclaimed, causing Jakob suddenly to start up. First he looked around somewhat scared, but then hopping from one leg to the other in exultant joy he exclaimed: "Yes, yes, everything belongs to me. Look, just look, mother!"

The woman first of all made a light. Her husband now woke up, too, leaping from his bed with both feet at once. "My God," he said, "the train has passed! Of course you have been out there, wife?"

His wife turned deathly pale. "I have just returned," she gasped.

"But I was out there," chimed in Jakob. "When father didn't want to wake up at all I just took the flag and the overcoat and did everything all right. Nobody knew me, but the Santa Claus threw a heap of money from heaven down to me—all new money."

Feeling quite miserable yet from the spell of fear he had just passed through, the flagman, with trembling knees, allowed himself to drop into the nearest chair. "Have you really been out there?" he inquired.

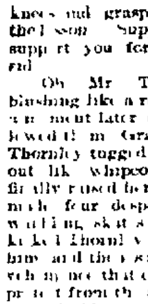
"Of course. You can depend on it," Jakob assured him.

The flagman's wife examined the purse and found in it a card, with the inscription, "A Merry Christmas." It took a long time until they succeeded in spelling out the words. Finally she said: "Oh, I know! It means Frau Marey [provincial German for Mary] Christmas. God bless her! She must be a very kind hearted lady!"

"Very likely she is Santa Claus, mother," ventured Jakob as he sailed into his apples and nuts.

THE SKATING LESSON

How Thornley [illegible] His Rash Christmas [illegible]



[illegible] was a beautiful girl, and Thornley was the happiest man along the Hudson river because she was [illegible] sister Emily a two weeks' visit. There [illegible] stretch of glassy ice [illegible] house, and when [illegible] jokingly asked [illegible] what he should give her for Christmas she [illegible] sweetly and replied: "[illegible] a few lessons in skating. I have never learned, and the ambition of my life is to glide over the smooth surface of the frozen river."

"I shall be delighted to instruct you, Miss Lakeside," Thornley said eagerly. And he meant what he said. He little dreamed then that she weighed 180 pounds—little cared, perhaps, for love is reckless and unreasoning. Thornley himself when equipped with an overcoat, a pair of rubbers and his everyday clothing tipped the scales at about 120 pounds.

"Do you think you can support me, Mr. Thornley?" she asked coyly.

"Support you?" repeated the gallant [illegible] as he rose from his knees and grasped her hands to begin the lesson. "Support you? Why, I could support you for—for life, Miss Lakeside."

"Oh, Mr. Thornley!" she cried, blushing like a rose. Her eyes fell, and a moment later she and Thornley followed them. Grasping her by the arms, Thornley tugged until the veins stood out like whipcords on his brow and finally raised her to her feet again. She made four desperate strokes with her [illegible] skates, quite unintentionally kicked Thornley's feet out from under him and then sat down again with a vehemence that called forth a crackling protest from the astonished ice. Thornley picked her up once more. They struck out a second time. History repeated itself, and the habit soon became chronic. Thornley's brow was beaded with perspiration. It began to dawn upon him that she must weigh at least 180 pounds. When he picked her up for the seventh time and attempted to guide her wandering, irresponsible feet, he changed his mind.

"If she weighs an ounce, she weighs 300," he thought with a gasp for breath. "This is positively dangerous. The ice is only about six inches thick, and there isn't a life preserver within a mile of us!"

He paused for a moment to rest the right arm that had been holding her up for half an hour and to get the numerous painful kinks out of his back.

"You are tired, Mr. Thornley," she murmured.

"That's—that's right," he panted.

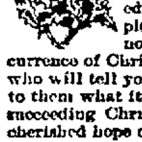
"Are—are you still sure you could support me for life?" she asked mischievously.

"Support you for life?" he gasped. "Of course I could if I only had a derrick!"

And that night 180 pounds of offended loveliness started for home.

EARLE H. EATON.

Charles Dickens on Christmas.



Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened, by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be, that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstances and straitened incomes, of the feasts they once bestowed on hollow friends, and of the cold looks that meet them now in adversity and misfortune. Never heed such dismal reminiscences. Look on the merry faces of your children, if you have any, as they sit round the fire. One little seat may be empty. One slight form that gladdened the father's heart and roused the mother's pride to look upon may not be there. Dwell not upon the past. Think not that one short year ago the fair child now resolving into dust sat before you with the bloom of health upon its cheek and the gayety of infancy in its joyous eye. Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Fill your glass again, with a merry face and contented heart. Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.

We love and bless the hands we press
When the Christmas log is burning.
—Cook.

ANIMALS' CHRISTMAS

THE PART THEY PLAY IN EUROPEAN CELEBRATIONS

Curious Customs but Little Known In This Country—Superstitions About Beasts and Birds—Blessing the Flocks—A Rooster Mass In Spain.

Among the most pleasing features of the universal good will that prevails at Christmastide in the old world is the kindly disposition shown to extend the enjoyment of the festivity to the dumb animals, which just at this season of the year may be said to be brought into more friendly and intimate contact with their masters than at any other time of the year. Throughout Scandinavia, Germany and Austria the peasants are accustomed to erect in front of their cottages on Christmas day a pole to which is fastened a large sheaf of oats or corn for the benefit of the little birds, while in many districts grain is spread outside on the doorstep and window sills on the evening of Dec. 24. The Albanians, the Montenegrins and in fact nearly all the races of the southeast of Europe, irrespective of creed or nationality, make a point of distributing their first large Christmas meal cake among the cattle, after having broken it on the horn of an ox, while during the siege of Paris, when each soldier of the beleaguering German army managed to have his little Christmas tree, however scant or poor, set up on Christmas eve in remembrance of the loved ones at home, nearly every trooper made a point of leading up his horse to see his tree and to receive his master's ration of bread in honor of the occasion.

Only in certain districts of southern Italy and in the isle of Man are exceptions to be found to this rule. Thus in Calabria it is customary among the peasantry at Christmas time to place cake upon a table and to drive the oxen around it, those who attempt to taste the food being slaughtered on the spot. In the isle of Man the cruel pastime known as "hunting the wren," and which dates back to pagan times, is still practiced every Christmas morning, all the villagers turning out, every one armed with two sticks—one for beating the bushes and the other for throwing at the birds. The origin of the custom is to be found in the legend according to which "there formerly lived in the isle of Man a very beautiful fairy who exercised great influence over the male population by means of her voice, enticing them into the sea, where they were drowned. So long did this continue that fears were entertained that the island would be depopulated. Eventually, however, a knight errant of King Arthur's Round Table appeared upon the scene, and he, having discovered a means of overcoming the fairy's charm, pressed her so hard with a plot for her destruction that she could only save herself by taking the form of a wren. While she was in this form a spell was cast upon her which compelled her to assume the bird's form on each Christmas day and decreed that she should ultimately "die by human hands;" hence the cruel hunting of the wren is kept up, and after the birds have been killed the children place them on ivy bushes and carry them around in procession.

But it is in France, especially in the western and southern portions thereof, that the peasants made a point of introducing their domestic animals into the celebration of Christmas not only at home, but also at church, on the ground that the poor creatures having participated in the joy of mankind at the birth of Christ should participate in the annual commemoration of the event. Thus in Brittany cattle and sheep may be said to form part of the congregation that attends the quaint yet thoroughly reverent mass performed in most of the churches of the seacoast villages on Christmas eve. On the right side of the altar a bower is constructed of fragrant pine and fir branches, with great bunches of crimson berried hollies and mistletoe glistening among the verdure. Under this canopy there sits the most beautiful maiden of the village, her hair falling on her loose white garments, while in her arms there reposes a young infant. Beside her stands a young man wearing a gold embroidered robe and leaning on a staff, while an ox, a donkey and four sheep quietly munch corn from a couple of mangers. As soon as the gospel has been read a small chorister concealed in the cardboard figure of a rooster begins to chant the verses, "For to us a child is born," imitating cleverly at the close of each strophe the crow of a chanticleer. The deep bass voice of another grown up chorister hidden somewhere in the fir branch bower above described "lows" the response of "Ubi?" (where), which sounds as if it proceeds from the ox. A tenor chorister concealed near the sheep bass the word "Bethlehem," and then a baritone voice, apparently proceeding from the donkey, brays "Eamus" (let us go thither). Thereupon the rector, his acolytes and the entire congregation form a procession and march from the altar to the bower where the representation of the nativity is arranged. The priest, having sprinkled the mother and child as well as the animals with holy water, thereupon makes his way to the chief entrance to the church, the doors of which are wide open, looking usually out on to the sea. All the cattle and the flocks of the village have meanwhile been driven into the churchyard and stand crowded together in the silvery light of the moon around the portal. Taking up his position on the topmost step of the porch, the rector exclaims: "God in his mercy, my dear children, has sent me on this radiant night of the nativity to bless your cattle and your flocks, because it is only right that the animals which constitute your greatest help and source of prosperity should participate in the joy which fills all our hearts. Now lead your flocks past me."

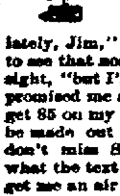
The shepherd and cattle herders then begin to drive the animals past, while the priest, dipping the sprinkler into the silver ewer of holy water, showers the latter upon the horses, the asses, the oxen, the cows and the sheep. The clang of the bells around their necks, their lowing, their baaing, their braying and neighing, as well as the cries and words of command of their drivers, create a tremendous din, above which ever and anon rise the solemn words of the priest, "Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus!" the choristers bringing the blessings to a close with a resounding "Amen!"

Every one who has wintered in Spain will recall to mind the "Misa del Gallo," or "cock's mass," celebrated in all the churches on Christmas eve, or rather Christmas morning. The chanticleer being the bird that is first to herald in the advent of the morning light, the Spaniards, by a happy and quaint conceit, like to imagine that he is anxious on this night of nights to call upon them even at midnight to be awake and to salute the happy morning. In the principal churches of Madrid and Seville this midnight mass in honor of the "Dios Nino" is rendered with exquisite pastoral music, castanets and tambourines playing an important part in the orchestra, while now and again, by means of a special instrument, pathetic and birdlike notes swell up with peculiar beauty, as if some midnight bird had lent its voice to mingle with the angelic psalms to herald in the mystic coming of the babe of Bethlehem. In the churches of the small provincial towns and villages the instrumental bird notes are replaced by those of an ordinary rooster, which by some device known to the peasants is made to crow at the appointed period during the celebration.

Not only on the continent of Europe, but also in the southwestern counties of England a superstition prevails to the effect that animals possess the power of speech at 12 o'clock on Christmas eve. Inasmuch, however, as only those persons who are entirely free from mortal sin are supposed to possess the privilege of understanding their utterances, there is no authentic record extant as to the character of their remarks on these occasions.

EX-ATTACHE.

Johnny's Christmas.



Johnny Blank is under very high pressure in an effort to be good, if his own statement is to be accepted. He met a friend yesterday and made his companion's eyes bulge with his story.

"I hain't had no fun lately, Jim," he said, glancing around to see that none of his relatives was in sight, "but I'm in it this time. Pop's promised me a new pair of skates if I get 85 on my December report, which'll be made out next week, you see. If I don't miss Sunday school and kin tell what the text is, Mam she sez she'll get me an air gun. Whoopee!"

And, here John's exuberance was given vent in a series of whoops with gymnastic accompaniment.

"But that's not half of 'em, Jim," he continued. "You know, when sis's beau comes I hang around and work him for candy and sich, but she has promised me a dollar ef I keep off her territory on beau nights. Then my uncle and my aunt, seein I'm tryin to be good, are goin to chip in, and as I'm goin to two Sunday schools I'm strictly in it, and don't you fergit it."

After the Christmas Eve Ball.

Up the broad steps they tripped into her home. The gas burned low. Her slender fingers hung to his a moment. She stood directly under the gas jet, under which some one, in anticipation of the morrow, had hung a sprig of mistletoe.

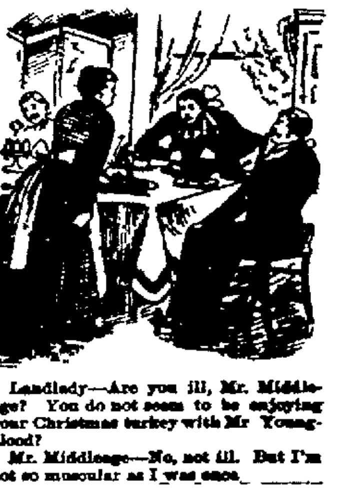
He could not help it—he kissed her. She looked so pretty, so innocent, under that sprig of mistletoe.

Yes, it was an ungentlemanly and unmanly thing to do. Her frightened, startled look pained him. He stammered out a miserable excuse. Her great eyes filled with tears, and she gave a little choking sob when he apologized.

"Dear little innocent," he thought, "I would not have hurt her for the world."

And she—after he was gone—she dropped into a great chair and sobbed. "Like him? I love him. And to think that he should kiss me at last and then to say he didn't mean anything by it! What does he think I put the mistletoe there for?"

Tough on the Turkey



Landlady—Are you ill, Mr. Middleage? You do not seem to be enjoying your Christmas turkey with Mr. Youngblood?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ed. Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for re-election as Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. W. F. [illegible]

Farmers Valley, Nov. 28, 1896.

Ed. Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. [illegible] W. [illegible]

East Smethport, Pa., Nov. 30, '96.

Ed. Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. [illegible]

Farmers Valley, [illegible]

Ed. Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for re-election as Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. [illegible]

Smethport, Pa., [illegible] 1896.

Ed. Miner:—[illegible]

[illegible]

The National Bank of Illinois, [illegible] closed its doors last Monday. The institution claimed to have $1[illegible] assets.

Congress adjourned last Tuesday and will not convene until Jan. 5th. The Congressmen and Senators will have a two weeks' holiday recess.

It would be appropriate under existing circumstances for General Bragg to remark that Cleveland is not loved as much as formerly for the enemies he has made. This is evidenced by the [illegible] who kicked a hole through the picture of the consecrated Knight of Free Trade at Chicago recently.

Hon. J. W. Smith of Lock Haven, Pa., says the Lock Haven Express, has purchased the Mountain Lake hotel property. This beautiful lake lies a few miles north of the village of Troy, Bradford county, and is surrounded by a rich farming country. Mr. Smith will likely make this a popular summer resort.

[illegible] in the United States Senate from Pennsylvania. A Keystone representative of the people is what the commonwealth requires, no more. Mr. Wanamaker is the [illegible] of the people and not a select few.—[illegible] Press. [illegible] the highest type of American manhood.

[illegible] there will be in Harrisburg next April when the Jeffersonian and Bryan wings of the Democratic party meet to organize and heal up the old sores. Judging from the way the hatchets [illegible] buried and the amount of peace [illegible], there will be a regular parrot and monkey time.

[illegible] and State Senator [illegible] the personal popularity of [illegible] County Treasurer [illegible] McKean county [illegible] Wanamaker for United States Senator.

[illegible] will accomplish more for the independence of Cuba than Maceo living, owing to the manner in which he was killed. His death has stirred the sympathies of every patriotic American, and public sentiment is being brought to bear upon Congress [illegible] something will be done to stop the brutal oppression of Cuban patriots.

[illegible]

Senatorial aspirant Boies Penrose would stand no more show of being elected to the United States Senate than he did of being elected mayor of Philadelphia but for the support given to his candidacy by Senator Quay. If he were such an able man as some of his followers claim him to be, the city of brotherly love ought in all reason to have elected him to the highest position within the gift of the people of that city. If he were not a suitable man for mayor [illegible] of Philadelphia, where lies his pre-eminent fitness for the honorable position of United States Senator from the great State of Pennsylvania?

THE DIFFERENCE.

President elect William McKinley heartily indorses the course of the Business Men's League in this State, while Senator Matthew Stanley Quay depreciates its actions and is doing all in his power to destroy its influence. Major McKinley is well aware of the fact, that only for the noble work accomplished by the business men, irrespective of party, throughout the country, the results of the election might have been vastly different and the nation thrown into a chaotic state by the election of a man, who was advocating a policy dangerous to all the best business interests of the country, a policy that would have been more disastrous to our industrial interests than the policy of the party that has been in power for almost four years. The firm stand taken by the business men throughout the nation averted this catastrophe and they ought to be honored by every honest man, regardless of politics for their uprightness of conduct instead of being derided by men who hold such an exalted position as Senator Quay does at the present time.

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GOOD COMMON SENSE.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat very sensibly sums up the Business Men's League in the late campaign and the part they are taking in the Senatorial fight in this State at the present time:

"Senator Quay is attracting considerable attention by his observations with regard to the relations between business and politics. 'There must be less business and more principle in our politics,' he says, 'else the Republican party and country will go to wreck.' He professes to believe that 'business issues are making our politics sordid and corrupt, the tremendous sums of money furnished by business men, reluctantly in most instances, are polluting the well springs of our material being.' 'There are millionaires and business men enough in the Senate' he feels constrained to state. 'The people most in need of protection,' he declares, 'are the farmers, the artisans and the laborers, and I stand by them.' The trouble about this sort of talk, coming from such a source, is that no intelligent person can take it seriously. There is no way to escape the suspicion that Quay is temporarily playing the Populist with some other object than that of cleansing American politics and taking care of those who earn their bread by manual toil. This view is confirmed by the fact that the business men of Pennsylvania are favoring Wanamaker for Senator, while Quay is working for the re-election of Cameron in curious contradiction of his anti-millionaire protestation.

"There is nobody in the country who had better chances than Quay of knowing during the last campaign how valuable the support of the business element was to the cause of sound money and honest dealing, public safety and good government. The splendid service of that portion of the population was easily the most potent of the several causes that contributed to the defeat of the free silver conspiracy against the honor and the welfare of the nation. But for that remarkable uprising of citizens who do not ordinarily take an active part in politics, Bryan would probably have been elected and the situation to-day would be one of general confusion and inevitable catastrophe. The presence of business men did not make the contest a matter of sordidness and corruption on the part of the majority of the people. They inspired the best kind of integrity and patriotism, and brought a victory to pass that was a thorough vindication of the stability and excellence of the American character. It is useless for Quay or anybody else to talk about the alleged evil influence of business in politics when the country has such a recent and striking proof to the contrary. If the bankers and merchants contributed money to the Republican campaign fund it was not used for the purpose of demoralization, but to promote the success of principles and policies that are indispensable to the security and prosperity of society. The country owes a big debt of gratitude to its business men in a political sense, and it is to be hoped that they will be even more rather than less active in future campaigns."

JUDGE MORRISON'S DECISION.

Judge Morrison rendered a decision in the case of W. F. Sprague vs. J. E. Baldwin and others, school directors and teachers of Otto township. Owing to lack of space we are unable to give the whole decision, but give the main points bearing on the case.

The act of April 20, 1895, P. L. 26, provides "That municipal corporations shall not be required to file affidavits of defence in actions of assumpsit." Can it be doubted that the legislative intent was to include both township and school districts in this act.

So we cannot escape the conclusion that the title of the act of June 18, 1895, is broad enough to cover legislation for all of the municipal subdivisions of the Commonwealth, down to and including townships and school districts. Surely the legislative intent was to protect the public health from contagion, epidemics, public fears of cholera, small pox and scarlet fever victims, and for the courts to hold that the legislative intent was to limit this important legislation to cities and boroughs, and to leave these diseases to run riot in the townships would be to convict the Legislature of doing a ridiculous thing. It is probable that one half of the population of the State is outside of the cities and boroughs and therefore in the townships.

How absurd to say that the legislative intent was to protect the citizens of the cities and boroughs and leave those of the townships to be exposed without protection.

We are of the opinion that the act of 1895 warrants the action taken by the defendants in this proceeding and the writ of peremptory mandamus must be refused. We have read an interesting opinion by Judge McPherson in Nesley vs. Hummelstown borough school directors, 5th Dist. Reports, page 732. In this case the learned judge upheld the law as to boroughs as a valid police regulation, and as such constitutional. We concur generally in Judge McPherson's conclusions, but referring to the question stated by him, "if the compulsory education act and the section under consideration are in irreconcilable conflict, the former statute must give way, because it was passed on May 16, while the public health act was approved on June 18, and being the later statute must be enforced." This is perhaps correct, but we remark that our Supreme Court very recently held that where the same Legislature, at about the same time, enact two laws which appear to be in conflict, every presumption is that they were both intended to stand, even though one is a few days later than the other. We incline to the opinion that both of these acts must be sustained by the courts, unless some constitutional or other controlling legal reason requires that one of them shall give way. But on this question we need express no opinion at present.

Statutes enacted at the same session of the legislature are within the reason of the rule governing the construction of statutes in pari materia and should if possible receive a construction which will give effect to each. Each is supposed to speak the mind of the same Legislature. White vs. City of Meadville, 177 Pa., 643.

We do not think the plaintiff has shown such a clear case as entitles him to the writ of peremptory mandamus, and his demurrer to the answer is overruled and the writ refused, with judgment against him for costs.

T. A. MORRISON, J.

THE glass blowers of Bradford unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Wanamaker for the United States Senate on Tuesday of last week.

TESTIMONIALS.

From Citizens of Pennsylvania who Have Been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. W. W. Spillen, drug clerk, with J. W. McConnell, Parnassus, Pa., says: "I was out all one night last winter and contracted a severe cold. I was so hoarse for a week I could hardly speak. Knowing how well customers of our store spoke of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy I concluded to try it. One half of a bottle cured me entirely."

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, '96.—There is great danger that the merits of the Cuban question will be entirely overlooked in the wrangle that is likely to follow the extraordinary position taken by Secretary Olney, that Congress has nothing to do with the recognition of a new State, the power being vested in the President alone. Mr. Olney first publicly took this position in a discussion with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations before that committee had decided to report the Cameron resolution for the recognition of the independence of Cuba. After the committee had decided to report the resolution to-day Mr. Olney went a great deal farther by making a statement through the Press Associations, saying in effect that the President would veto the resolution if it was adopted and that even if it were then readopted by the constitutional two thirds of both branches of Congress he would ignore it and treat it simply as the personal opinions of those who voted for it. If it were not that this administration had such a short time to run there is reason to believe that if Mr. Cleveland dared to maintain this position, the country would see another impeachment trial in the United States Senate, and even as it is it may lead to serious trouble. This question is higher than party politics or than the Cuban question. If the President has a constitutional right to override two thirds of Congress which may be considered as fairly representative of the people, it is time the people knew it, in order that this enormous power, greater than that possessed by the crowned heads of most of the world's limited monarchies, may be curtailed by a constitutional amendment before some unscrupulous President uses it to destroy our government.

It is hardly probable, however, that this question will get before the U. S. Supreme Court for settlement in connection with the Cameron resolution for the very simple reason that the Cameron resolution is not likely to be adopted by Congress, notwithstanding its having received the endorsement of the following eminent gentlemen, who compose the Senate Foreign Committee: Sherman of Ohio, Frye, of Me., Lodge, of Mass., Cameron of Pa., Davis, of Minn., Cullom of Ill., Gray of Del., Turpie of Ind., Mills of Texas and Morgan of Alabama. Daniel of Virginia, is also a member of the committee, but he was not present at the meeting and says he has not made up his mind whether he will support the resolution or not. The resolution will almost certainly be adopted by the Senate, probably by more than a two-thirds vote, if it be seriously pushed that far, but if expressions of leaders of the House count for anything, it will never reach a vote in that body. Gen. Henderson, of Iowa, voiced this sentiment when he said: "We are not going to have war. The Cameron resolution has not passed, and I do not believe in encouraging this war talk. We have had enough agitation already and we don't want our business interest again interrupted by talk of war or by actual war." It is the impression in Washington that by the time Congress reassembles the country will have made it so plain that it wants neither a war nor a war scare that the resolution will not be pushed.

It was brought out by questions of Senators during Secretary Olney's unsuccessful attempt to persuade the Senate Committee into following Mr. Cleveland's policy toward Cuba that the administration has received much credit to which it was not entitled, by reason of misstatements in the newspapers as to demands it has from time to time made on Spain in behalf of American citizens. For instance Secretary Olney admitted that this government had made no demand upon Spain in the case of the alleged filibuster Competitor, and [illegible] of a similar character beyond mere requests for information. This will [illegible] the individual who only a short time ago stepped over to the extent of writing communications to the papers advocating [illegible] appointment as President McKinley's Secretary of State because of his intense Americanism. His "intense Americanism" seems to be, since Li Hung Chang's conversation, a very interrogation point.

Among the bills passed by the house was one appropriating $[illegible] for government participation in the Tennessee Centennial to be held at Nashville next year and $[illegible] for a Federal building for the exhibit, and an emergency [illegible] for the continuation of [illegible] work now under way. A resolution was also adopted giving the four days beginning Jan. 7 to the consideration of the Pacific Railroad Funding bill. The holiday recess will be from Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 and many Senators and Representatives who live at a distance and wish to spend Christmas at their homes have already left Washington.

Do you know the quickest way to cure a sprain or bruise? [illegible] Sprains and injuries are very common and can be cured quickly if properly treated. Mr. J. M. [illegible], of [illegible], Columbia county, Pa., says: "I have never found anything to compare with Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sprains, bruises and burns. We have used it in our family for several years and [illegible]." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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Pioneer Reminiscences.

Following are a few reminiscences in the life of Loren F. Wolcott, who for many years was a citizen of McKean county:

When a young man he came with his father and many others from Otsego Co., N. Y., and settled in the valley of Potato creek. The Wolcotts settled where Crosby is now located. Loren soon married and located on a farm near Norwich Corners, where he resided some thirty years, when he sold his possessions and he and his family migrated west and settled near Sparta, Wis.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1820. In politics he was first a Whig, afterwards and all the while a Republican. In the Polk and Clay campaign in 1844, he invited his Democratic friend, Elon Pattison, who lived opposite across the river, to take his team and hitch them up with his and take a four horse load of Whigs down to Ceres to a pole raising. The invitation was accepted and a jolly load of both sexes started for their destination. As they passed down the valley this was the burden of their song:

As I walked out the other day
I heard a lovely lady say
That if she had a loco beau,
She soon would let him go.
Scoot 'way with your foul party
We are the girls of 1844.

In the mean time there was to be a Democratic pole raising in Smethport. Mr. Pattison invited Mr. Wolcott to make an even exchange by contributing himself and team and together they would take a load of Democrats down to the pole raising, which was cheerfully done, showing a neighborly spirit instead of rabid partisanship.

Some time during his residence he took a day off and went out for a [illegible] hunt on the [illegible] near Sparta. He found a [illegible] track which he followed for several hours, when [illegible]. He returned a little wiser.

He now resides at Norwalk, Wis. He took quite an interest in the last campaign. Being in his 77th year he took his staff in his hand and went to the polls and cast his vote for McKinley and sound money. Three cheers for Uncle Loren! May his shadow never grow less. Let's sing "Hail to the Chief." [illegible]

Farmers' Institute

Following is the program to be carried out at the institute of the Farmers and Breeders' Association to be held in [illegible]

GENERAL FARMING SESSION

[illegible]

EDUCATIONAL SESSION

[illegible]

GOOD ROADS SESSION

[illegible]

GENERAL FARMING SESSION

[illegible]

GENERAL FARMING SESSION

[illegible]

From the South.

[illegible]

School Report

[illegible]

Notice

[illegible] commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or duplicate any bridge, also stone work and complete the structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. REILLY, Contractor,
[illegible] Smethport, Pa.

Notice

G. H. [illegible] has disposed of the entire stock, etc., of the Furniture & Carpet Co. and has retired from the business. All accounts due the late firm must be paid at once to J. E. Mullin, at the office of Sheridan [illegible], Court House.

G. H. [illegible]

INVENTORY SALE.

All goods purchased at

THE VARIETY STORE

between

December 25th and January 1st,

will be subject to the following discounts:

$1.00	Purchase,	$ .90 net.
2.00	"	1.75 "
3.00	"	2.55 "
4.00	"	3.30 "
5.00	"	4.05 "

Purchases of $6.00 and upwards at 25 per cent. discount.

W. H. OLMSTED,

Central Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

Well Satisfied with Ayer's Hair Vigor.

"Nearly forty years ago, after some weeks of sickness, my hair turned gray. I began using Ayer's Hair Vigor, and was so well satisfied with the results that I have never tried any other kind of dressing. It requires only an occasional application of

AYER'S

Hair Vigor to keep my hair of good color, to remove dandruff, to heal itching humors, and prevent the hair from falling out. I never hesitate to recommend Ayer's to my friends."—Mrs. [illegible]

AYER'S Hair Vigor

[illegible]

DENTISTRY!

The liberal offer made by Dr. [illegible] in November was met with such universal favor that the same offer will be extended during the month of December. Every effort will be made to make all operations satisfactory in every way.

All Work Fully Guaranteed.

$15.00	Sets of teeth	$7.50
2.00	Gold fillings	1.00
1.00	Alloy, Silver, Amalgam or Cement fillings	.50
10.00	Gold crowns	5.00
5.00	Aluminum or Porcelain crowns	2.00
.50	Painless extract'n	.25

Contracts made in Dec. will be completed later at above rates.

This is one more chance.
Enough said.

Blacksmithing.

Anything you need in this line will receive prompt attention if you will bring it to me and the work and price will be right. Carriage painting and wood working departments in connection.

A NEW CARRIAGE can be purchased here cheaper than elsewhere and it is good, too.

T. H. PURTLE

EMIL THAMM,

MANUFACTURER OF

CIGARS

AND DEALER IN

CHEWING AND SMOKING

Tobacco, Pipes, Etc.

SMETHPORT, PA.

You Will Remember

Your friends at Christmas, of course. Every body does that.

DO YOU KNOW

That a picture is just the proper thing for a present. Or you could get a crayon.

This gallery has all the latest accessories and the best workmanship is guaranteed.

[illegible]

GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

An Ordinance

[illegible]

FRANK [illegible], President

Approved Dec. [illegible] 1896.
[illegible] Burgess.

Notice to Property Owners.

In the matter of the damages [illegible] Willow street [illegible] McKean County [illegible] Smethport, Pa. [illegible]

[illegible]

Cohn Brothers,
BRADFORD, PA.

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BRADFORD, PA.

COHN BRO'S

Offer decided Reductions

In their Cloak Dep't

Every Garment has been reduced to almost one-half former price.

Ladies' Jackets of German Brocade or English Kersey, Velvet collar and cuffs, Satin faced, the new sleeve and back, formerly sold for $[illegible], now

$5.00.

Send for Sample line of Garments. We pay the expressage one way.

COHN BROTHERS,

20 Main St. BRADFORD, PA.

Christmas Gifts

FOR LADIES

From now until after Christmas I will sell anything in my line of Fashionable Millinery at a greatly reduced figure. Also the following articles at prices that are right:

Fancy Sofa Pillow tops and Pillows,
Material for Fancy Work,
Handkerchiefs,
Stamped Linens,
Laces,
Silks,
Velvets.

Call and get a bargain.

MRS. REILLY,

The Popular Milliner. Smethport, Pa.

Holiday Presents.

Do you want to make a present to some friend? Get something useful and substantial at the

Furniture & Carpet Store,

Smethport,

Where they are closing out the entire stock of Furniture and Housefurnishing goods at Prices never before offered at any other store in town or city. Look at these prices:

WILLOW ROCKERS that were $6.50 to $7.00, now $3.90.
CORNER SEAT ROCKERS, were $5.50 to $7.00 now $3.90.
KITCHEN CHAIRS, were 50c, now 39c.

Dining Room Chairs, Lounges, Couches and all goods in this store must be disposed of to make room for other Business.

We invite Furniture Dealers to examine this stock.

We will sell at the Lowest MANUFACTURERS PRICES.

A. REILLY, Manager.

ARMSTRONG & CO.

Have a large line of

PICTURES, GAMES,
BOOKS, ALBUMS.

The largest and finest line of

PERFUMES & ATOMIZERS

in the County.

Call early and examine stock.

Diaries for 1897 now in.

Smethport, Pa.

SANTA CLAUS ON DRESS PARADE

AT

Mrs. T. D. Nash's

We have just received a beautiful line of

HOLIDAY GOODS,

Comprising the latest novelties in everything to make glad the hearts of the children.

Also Ladies' and Gentlemen's presents without number.

Make us a call and you will surely be pleased with our goods and our prices,

Smethport, Dec. 17, 1896. **MRS. T. D. NASH.**

ANDREWS & CONKLING.

ANDREWS & CONKLING.

HOLIDAY GOODS AT LOW PRICES.

We have placed on sale the largest line of medium priced Holiday goods ever shown in this section. Our line of pictures is very large, a special line of unframed subjects at 5c each. Fine photo's of American and foreign scenes 10c each. Various Madonnas, all subjects, framed and unframed 25c and up., Longfellow, Bryant, Whittier, Mozart and all the popular poets and composers, (22x28 pictures unframed) $1.25. Large line of medalions 50c up to $7. Picture framing to order.

100 Ladies writing desks, oak, mahogany and birch, $5.50 to $25. The desk at $5.50 is a bargain, as good as the average $8.00 desk.

Fancy rockers in great variety, oak, birch, mahogany, bird's eye maple, white and Hungarian ash. Prices $1.10 for oak and up. Parlor tables in the new shapes and finishes. A great value at $5.00. Brass and onyx tops, oak and mahogany tops, brass and French gilt legs. Dining tables and side boards, book cases, China cabinets, fancy screens, brass and iron bed room suites, parlor suites. Any of these would make your home cheerful and the **PRICES** (we will tell you a well known secret) are **LOW.**

Pretty carpet, rug, draperies, lace curtains, carpet sweeper, baby carriage, robes and hundreds of pretty and useful articles for gifts. Anything you buy in our line will be of some use as keep no trash, but goods which we know will wear well, look well and be satisfactory in price.

Remember Xmas is only three week's from Friday, and "The Early Bird etc." All Holiday goods stored free until wanted.

Remember we pay the freight and sew the carpet free.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,
127-129 UNION ST., OLEAN, N. Y.

ECONOMICAL BUYING.

Many people know how much this store can save them. Many people don't. We are trying to reach those who don't. Those who do will come anyway. Some people would be willing to pay an extra price here, just to choose from such an enormous variety; but prices are lower than any competition can touch. We could never have second such a trade if they were not

Stable Blankets.

[illegible] styles for you to select from including the famous Burlington Blanket, the "stay on" kind. No straps or surcingles necessary.

Prices $1.15 up.

Horse Blankets.

Square ones—12 styles, including all the famous ones.

Prices $2.00 up.

Sleds.

About 25 styles of Children's Sleds and Cutters.

Sleds 40c. up.
Cutters, $2.50 up.

The fastest sleds made for boys
The handsomest ones for girls.

Skates.

The most improved skates for all people—50c. up.

Sleigh Bells and Chimes.
Fur robes—warm lap robes.

Housekeeping Department.

Just as complete as any city in America can show. Aluminum Cooking Utensils. Labor-saving Kitchen Articles.

Lamps.

Handsome—Rochester Banquet Lamps as low as $1.75.

New style globes for lamps and gas fixtures. Princess Lamps.

Scarce two lamps alike.

China.

This China department is the marvel of this store. We keep 40 styles of Dinner Sets alone constantly in stock.

Dinner Sets from $7.00 up.

Stoves.

52 styles of Stoves here, including 20 styles of ranges. Our prices sell over 500 stoves each year. New Portable Mantel heaters.

Stoves from $3.00 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

EMERY & WEAVER. **Bradford, Pa.**

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

Talk About Cheap Prices!

From now until Christmas I propose to break all records on prices, and the reduction will apply to everything in my large stock of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Notions, Boots & Shoes and Christmas toys. Many rare bargains for

Christmas Buyers.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

D. C. YOUNG,

Smethport, Penna.

December 9, 1896.

For

CHRISTMAS

We have made extensive preparations for the coming

GIFT SEASON,

and as a result of our efforts we are showing a line of

Holiday Attractions

which far outstrips our previous endeavors to supply the demand for

SUITABLE PRESENTS

which go to make glad the hearts of

Old and Young

on that memorable day, the

25th of December.

In addition to our other departments which are overflowing with

STAPLE GOODS,

we are displaying an immense assortment of productions of exclusively

1897 Designs.

Space permits the enumeration of but a few

- Art Frames
- Vases
- Cups and Saucers
- Coronation Cups
- Delft Ware
- Candle Sticks
- Toast Dishes
- Fancy Olive Dishes
- Stamp Trays
- Tooth Pick Holders
- Fruit Knives
- Individual Cream Pitchers
- Dolls
- Toys
- Books
- Booklets
- Bookmarkers
- Epworth League Badges
- Jewelry
- Hair Pins
- Pocket Books
- Handkerchiefs
- Fancy Silks
- New Silkolines
- Neckwear.

Largest Assortment.
Right Prices.

Coats and Fur Capes,

Fur Trimmings
Angora and Thibet Sets.
(FOR CHILDREN.)

Our

SHOE DEPARTMENT

is well stocked with

UP-TO-DATE FOOTWEAR.

The

Grocery Department

is complete offering all the season's delicacies.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS,

Smethport, Pa.

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1896.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—A merry Christmas to you all.

Mozart Symphony Club Jan. 4.

[illegible] change in the adv. of H. W. Marcus of Olean.

The Mozart Symphony is composed entirely of experts.

W. H. Olmsted has something new to offer you this week.

C. H. Frost, formerly of Big Shanty, is now located at Olean.

[illegible] seems to be sadly in need of more police protection. [illegible] here.

[illegible] instrumental and vocal music make up the program of the Mozart Club.

[illegible] your cutter. Your best girl is waiting. Take her out for a sleigh ride.

The Viola Gamba, one of the oldest instruments, is used in the Mozart Club.

The MINER is under obligation to Congressman C. W. Stone for favors rendered.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Ormsby, a [illegible] pound boy. All concerned are doing well.

William Nelson, one of the oldest residents of Cameron county, died at Huntley, Tuesday of last week in his [illegible] year.

The MINER is issued a day early this week in order to give the force an opportunity to observe Christmas in a proper manner.

The opening of the Farmers' Institute will be held at Eldred Jan. 7th. On the 8th and 9th at the Court House, Smethport.

The Smethport school closed Wednesday for the holiday vacation. A fine program of rhetorical and vocal selections was rendered.

The young ladies of this place are making extensive preparation for a grand leap year party which will be given during the holidays.

If you have no little ones to make happy, try and make somebody's children who are poor happy by sending them a Christmas present.

Be sure to see and hear the Viola D'Amour—an instrument of 14 strings, used over 300 years. It faithfully imitates the human voice.

—Time is getting limited but a mail order sent to H. W. Marcus of Olean will be promptly attended to and satisfaction guaranteed. Send them along.

Commodore Lindstrom has assumed charge of the editorial pen of the Penny Press of Bradford. The MINER congratulates the Commodore and the Press.

Don't miss hearing Marie Gumaer, opera house Jan. 4. "The vocal numbers of Miss Gumaer exceeded the expectations of the audience."—Chicago Record.

Jonathan Colegrove will please accept the thanks of the MINER man for a [illegible] the appetite of the most [illegible] epicure.

[illegible]

Lewis Emery, Jr. & Co. have a new advertisement this week. This old and reliable house needs no recommend. We simply call attention to their new offer.

Dr. Benninghoff of Bradford was called to Greenville, Pa., last week to perform a difficult surgical operation. The doctor is gaining a wide reputation in the surgical line.

Owing to some necessary repairs required in this office there will be no paper issued next week. The MINER wishes its many readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Fred [illegible] of Farmers Valley, who has been ill for some time, does not improve as rapidly as his friends would wish. All hope that he will soon be [illegible] among them once more.

If any more tramps molest any of our ladies, they should meet the intruders with a dipper of hot water. This weapon never misses fire and generally hits the mark, and its work is always effectual.

Mrs. Mel Moriarity, who shot and wounded her mother-in-law, Mrs. Edward Goodman, at Cameron last June, had her trial at Emporium last week for the crime, but the jury failed to agree.

Herr Hoch is the only person playing the [illegible] cymbal trumpet. [illegible] "Herr Hoch's trumpet solo took the audience by storm."—Philadelphia Times.

In another column will be found an interesting letter from that bright business woman, Mrs. [illegible] Waterman, of Belmont, Fla. For the Florida moss, mistletoe and rose she will please accept our thanks.

Thomas McGraw, who was convicted last week on the charge of larceny, was sentenced by the court to pay a fine of $100, cost of prosecution and 1 years and 6 months in the western penitentiary at Allegheny.

Come to the convention of the farmers and breeders of McKean county which will be held at the court house Jan. 8 and 9. Come and learn from the practical experience of those who have made farming a study.

Mrs. A. J. Parker has taken the proper course for Christmas presents for distant friends. She subscribed and sent them the MINER for a year. This insures her friends in Kansas a weekly letter from home during the year.

—Mrs. Thomas Goodwin of Farmers Valley is dangerously ill. She was stricken with paralysis some time ago, and at this writing she is unable to speak and cannot recognize any of her friends. May she meet with a speedy recovery.

—The music at St. Luke's on Christmas will include Tour's service in F, Novello's "Adeste Fideles" and Stainer's "O Zion that bringest good tidings." On Sunday evening there will be a selection of festival anthems, including Gounod's "Nazareth."

—Lincoln C. Burch, formerly of Erie, but who for a number of years has been in the oil fields, was arrested in Buffalo last week on the charge of having passed a forged check on Kerwin & Brown of Chipmunk. Chief Reddy went to Buffalo last Saturday and on Monday Burch was lodged in jail here.

—The "Musical Gem" for December by the Hitchcock Publishing company of New York, is truly fine. The first, "The Three Kings Were Lowly Bending," words and music by Arthur C. Botts, is a master piece and tells of the wonderful story enacted in Bethlehem of Judea 1900 years ago.

—Miss Burch, who was appointed a missionary to Chili some time ago, will leave her home in Greenville on the 28th inst. She will sail from New York via Valparaiso to Santiago, where she will arrive about Jan. 30, and will remain until Feb. 17. Her address in her new home will be Casilla 360, Concepcion, Chili (via Panama).

—Our socks have some holes in them, but we will venture to hang them up in the hopes that some delinquent subscriber may have a chance to deposit his or her subscription in them in order that we may be able to purchase a pair for the New Year.

—The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will sell excursion tickets on Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896 and Jan. 1st, 1897 to all points on their line, account of Christmas and New Year holiday travel, tickets good for return up to Jan. 4, 1897. Call on agents for particulars.

—Frank M. Baker, for a number of years superintendent of the Addison & Northern Pa. R. R., running from Addison to Galeton, Pa., was appointed a Railroad Commissioner last week by Governor Morton of New York. This undoubtedly is a good selection as Mr. Baker is a man of many years experience in the management of railroads.

—The Olean Democrat claims to have reliable news that the notorious Bert Blanchard, who so cruelly maltreated and robbed Mr. and Mrs. Childs near Palmersville two years ago, has been and is now working on an oil lease in the Chipmunk field under an assumed name. Our commissioners should investigate and if it is true have him arrested.

—Last Sunday night the congregation at St. Luke's church had the pleasure of enjoying another of Mrs. Mollette's solos, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," by Meyer, sung in her wonderfully sweet tones. It is to be hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Mollette will continue to give their musical recitals. They are certainly a rare treat and will be highly appreciated by our music loving citizens.

—The State of Washington is organizing colonies of marriageable men to go to St. John's island, in the Pacific, where there are lots of women, but few of the sterner sex. Washington, it will be remembered, was the father of his country.—Phila. Times. This is an excellent move, and to make it more successful, send all the disappointed bachelor office seekers to this Adamless Eden.

Chas. D. Lansing of Four Mile Run was arrested on June 15 last for killing a man named Haggerty, who with several other drunken fellows, was abusing Mr. Lansing. Lansing drew a knife and in self defense stabbed Haggerty, who afterward died. Lansing was arrested and has been in Cameron county's jail ever since. He was tried last week. The judge took the case from the jury and ordered a verdict of not guilty.

Through an error the mention of Jonathan Colegrove's popular store was omitted last week. This house has built up an excellent trade and it is improving. Their cloak trade has been immense and they are closing out this one. If you desire a cloak you can get it for cost. If in need of anything in their line call and see them. They take pleasure in exhibiting their goods. They also call your attention to their fine line of scarfs and handkerchiefs.

—Abe Waterhouse of State Run, Lycoming county, went into the Black Forests recently to build a bear pen of logs. He seemed to have been new at the business, for when the pen was done he set the trap and crawled in to [illegible]

The Cameron Press of last week states that I. E. Bush, who came to [illegible] Cherry Creek, N. Y., some two years ago, accompanied by his bride, committed suicide last Wednesday by taking a dose of [illegible] a will leaving [illegible] to his [illegible] fitness to his wife.

Monday night of last week quite a number of the friends of Fred Lyman gathered at his pleasant home on Water street and gave him a surprise in honor of his [illegible] birthday. Mrs. I. A. [illegible] on behalf of the [illegible] Lodge presented Mr. Lyman with a beautiful [illegible] lamp of which he feels justly proud. Mrs. Lyman presented her husband with a fine enlarged portrait of her late father, Mr. Gilbert Lyman. There were numerous other presents. The celebrated male quartet gave Mr. Lyman a serenade and he takes this mode of thanking those who so kindly remembered him.

The Bazaar given by St. Luke's Sunday school and St. Margaret's society was a grand success both socially and financially. [illegible] The supper was excellent and well attended. After supper was served the leading feature, [illegible] was opened and [illegible] were extended for the various prizes. The winners were as follows: Prettiest, Master Raymond; cutest, Miss Rogers; fattest, Master Hogarth; sweetest, Master Hooton. While the votes were being counted the young people cleared the floor and enjoyed dancing for about two hours.

—The MINER has just received from John J. McLaurin of Harrisburg, Pa., a neatly bound book of 400 pages, finely illustrated with half tone cuts of the most prominent men who have been instrumental in the development of oil in Pennsylvania, and, in fact, the whole world, with fine illustrations of some of the most important events connected therewith. The book is chock full of very interesting details of crude oil history and ought to be in the hands of everyone in this section. It is clearly evident that the writer has devoted years of patient toil to compiling this work. The price is only $2.00.

—Last Tuesday night the boys of the town were entertained by a man with a knap sack, powder horn and a jag, with the latter greatly in the majority. He might have been taken for a Cuban patriot or one of Coxey's army. He stopped in front of Mason's store and favored Bert Shook with a solo. The boys then tried to lead him up town, but he simply sat on the sidewalk and refused to move. After dragging him up in front of Lindholm & Co's a handsled was procured and he was given a free sleigh ride up town. During his stay he furnished a great deal of amusement. When asked if he was a resident of this community he replied, "No sir! I am a good old Democrat!"

—The members of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood are interesting themselves in providing musical and social entertainment for the young men of our town during the winter. Already many homes have been offered for such meetings where a cordial welcome and unbounded hospitality will be extended to all who come. The first assembly was at Mr. J. C. Hamlin's on Thursday, Dec. 17, and was followed by another at Dr. H. L. McCoy's on Tuesday, Dec. 22. About thirty were in attendance and on both occasions the evening was thoroughly enjoyed in the impromptu quartet and chorus music furnished by the young men and the elegant refreshments served by the young ladies of the homes. The third meeting will be at Mr. D. C. Young's on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29th.

The best molasses taffy 15c a pound at the Bakery.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Morrison was in Oil City Monday.

Auditor elect A. R. Cory of Coryville was in town Monday.

John Forrest and P. E. Richmond visited Buffalo this week.

Mrs. Lucius Rogers went to Kane Monday to join her husband.

District Attorney Gorton was in Bradford Wednesday on business.

J. P. Howard of Clermont was greeting friends in town last week.

Judge Morrison went over to Potter's capital Tuesday to hold court.

Com. T. F. [illegible] was in Kane and Mt. Jewett on Monday last.

John L. Mullin transacted business in Bradford the first of the week.

Mrs. D. C. Young and daughter, Miss Lois, visited Bradford friends Monday.

F. N. [illegible] stopped over on his return from Pittsburg Tuesday night to pay his mother a visit.

Judge Henry Hamlin started for Binghamton Monday. Mrs. Hamlin joined him there Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell enjoyed a pleasant drive over the hill to Bradford in a [illegible] on Monday.

Mrs. W. R. [illegible] of Bradford was here the first of the week on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] the hustling merchant of Farmers Valley, was in town Wednesday transacting business and greeting old friends.

Ned Ryan returned from the Carlisle college [illegible]

Chas. F. [illegible] of Binghamton was in Buffalo the first of the week where he will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rose.

Ray Young and Tom Morrison came home from college Monday in order to enjoy the pleasure of hanging up their stocking at home at Yuletide.

J. B. Chamberlain, representing the Courier Paper Co., Buffalo, was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday, and we are indebted to him for favors rendered.

John Beastrom, the hustling lumberman from Hazelhurst, dropped in long enough Tuesday morning to boost his subscription up another year. Mr. Beastrom is doing a larger lumber business than ever.

John [illegible], the popular insurance man of Olean, dropped into our sanctum Tuesday afternoon with pleasant greetings and presented the force with a couple of fine calendars issued by Messrs. W. H. [illegible]

[illegible] Colegrove [illegible] the Arrow course in Agriculture.

Charles Olberg and Charles Linden of Mt. Jewett were in town the latter part of last week. It is rumored that Mr. Olberg is a candidate for the postmastership at Mt. Jewett. [illegible]

[illegible] New York [illegible] mineral water [illegible] Christmas and a happy New Year to you.

A Grand Treat.

That the program laid out by the Smethport Entertainment Association is proving a great success and that the executive committee have discharged their duties with credit to themselves and general enjoyment to the patrons of the society goes without contradiction. Hon. Geo. R. Wendling of Washington, D. C., lectured to an audience that represented the best element of our town, and it is doubtful if our audiences ever left the lecture room better pleased than the one that listened to Mr. Wendling Monday night.

[illegible]

When [illegible] of his lecture, he took the [illegible]

Doctor and Husband Arrested.

Dr. [illegible] P. Alling whose name was mentioned by the coroner's jury in connection with the sudden death of Mrs. Merle A. Thompson of Warren, in this city a week ago, was arrested Saturday evening. District Attorney [illegible] came over from Warren Saturday morning, and after examining a number of witnesses, appeared before Judge Barlow and caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Dr. Alling and Merle A. Thompson on a charge of performing an abortion that resulted in the death of Mrs. Thompson.

Dr. Alling was taken before Judge Barlow by Constable Tadder and admitted to bail in the sum of $1,000, Mr. Frank J. Collins becoming his security. He will have a hearing Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Word was sent to the chief of police at Warren, and about 11 o'clock Saturday night Thompson was arrested and locked up. Constable Tadder went to Warren yesterday morning and returned with Thompson today. He was taken before Judge Barlow who held him in $1,000 bail for his appearance Wednesday afternoon for a hearing. Messrs. T. Buckley and John N. Coleman, who have known the young man from childhood, were his sureties.

Constable Tadder stated that the Humphrey and Thompson families reside opposite each other on the same street in Warren and are on intimate terms. Both are prostrated over the sad affair. They told Mr. Tadder they blamed no one but the girl. They never suspected her trouble; if she would have told them they would have forgiven her and taken the proper care of her; but her proud spirit induced her to keep her secret.

Mr. Thompson's father will be in Bradford tomorrow. Messrs. Cotter and Sherman have been retained by both Dr. Alling and Mr. Thompson.—Monday's Record.

Dr. Alling and Merle Thompson waived a hearing last Wednesday and gave bail for their appearance at the next term of criminal court in the sum of $1,000 each.

The best toilet sets at lowest prices at Mason's. Knives galore at Mason's for Christmas—carving knives, table knives, pocket knives—all knives.

Call and see the beautiful stock of robes and blankets at Chas. Lemmler's.

The finest line of Christmas candies ever exhibited in this place at the bakery.

OBITUARY.

Mathew Ostrander was born in Bennington county, town of Arlington, Vermont, Aug. 8, 1801, and died at the residence of his son in Grimes district, Dec. 14, 1895. His grandfather was a soldier in the revolutionary war. He was married in 1833. The union was blessed with nine boys and five girls, ten of the children are still living. After sixty years of happy married life his wife died in 1893. He was converted and became a member of the M. E. church when about twenty-one years of age and was one of the original members of the M. E. church in Coudersport. Late in life he, with his wife, became members of the Seventh Day Baptist church. He stated that he sat on the first grand jury in Potter county; that he has been on juries in the night when they were too poor to buy candles and were obliged to sit in total darkness; that he drew all of the lime from Jersey Shore for the first court house in Coudersport, and that he had seen a man or two caged in the Coudersport court house for lecturing against slavery; that he cleared the farm on which he died and one or two in Potter county, and that he had three sons in the late war. Mr. Ostrander was an enthusiastic total abstainer. All his life he was an upright and honorable citizen and commanded the confidence of the people. He leaves a large number of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Rev. S. D. [illegible] of Port Allegany conducted the funeral services of his wife and, at his request, conducted his own. The services were held in the Grimes church on Thursday, at 11 a. m. A large concourse of people were in attendance and followed his remains to their last resting place.—Reporter.

The Kettle Creek Gas Well.

The Kettle Creek gas well, which was drilled nearly 2000 feet on the Simon [illegible] farm, some twelve or fourteen years ago, and afterwards abandoned, has lately given evidence of an unusual flow of gas. The Record is reliably informed that W. J. [illegible], the owner of the [illegible], together with other parties, commenced the work on Monday of [illegible]

When [illegible] was drilled there were [illegible] of both gas and oil, but the [illegible] that even if discovered it was in such small quantities as [illegible], the expense necessary [illegible] of them.

[illegible] the flow of gas appears to have [illegible] increased and by [illegible] It is probable that those interested will drill the well some four or five feet deeper.—Renovo Record.

There is no question but what gas will be found in sufficient quantities there to make it pay to develop the field. As the [illegible] have been escaping from the above well for years.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Holiday Rates.

[illegible]

[illegible] to take the true measure of a man [illegible] in the market place, nor the [illegible], nor the [illegible]. There he [illegible] his mask and you may learn whether he is an imp or an angel, king or cur, hero or humbug. We care not what the world says of him. We care not a copper what his reputation may be. If his babies dread his home coming, and his better half swallows her heart every time she asks him for a five dollar bill, he's a fraud of the first water, even though he prays night and morning till he is black in the face.—Ex.

—The gold find near Salamanca continues to attract attention and interest. Experts from western fields have examined the ore and the location and indications and have aroused the people to a high state of excitement by declaring that it promises to equal anything in the western country. With a real gold mining boom, and the promise of another big oil find in the Chipmunk field, prospectors, wild-catters, speculators and investors of all character will soon be flocking into that part of the country in droves.—Warren Mirror.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickle, East Smethport.

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Dr. D. K. Seltzen, veterinarian, Bradford, will be at Daly's livery or C. W. Ligenfahl's blacksmith shop every Tuesday until further notice. 49 4t

"Let your light so shine," that it will not injure your eyes to read at night. Mason's lamps give the proper light. From $7.00 down.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, if used according to directions, is a speedy cure for colds. Ask your druggist for Ayer's Almanac.

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Is a question you have asked yourself many times no doubt, and is a hard question to answer. Perhaps we can help you by a few suggestions.

As a leader along this line we wish to say, that we have the finest, most complete and lowest priced stock of Holiday goods to be found in the western part of the State, and it is now on exhibition. We particularly wish to call your attention to our line of finely illustrated, handsomely bound, low priced books.

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The most stylish garments at actual cost. This is no ordinary Cloak Sale—its like has never before been held, either here or elsewhere.

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Everything for everybody OLD and YOUNG.

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For SMETHPORT PEOPLE.

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better assortment of New Garments in the city and prices are at le
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GOOD COMMON SENSE.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat very sensibly sums up the Business Men's League in the late campaign than past they are taking in the Maria fight in this State at the [illegible] by the Senator Quay [illegible] Soap. Nice [illegible] attention you Seely's Al with regard to the beautifier. Fine business and [illegible] but not a bit too [illegible] for a cake. Money [illegible] if you yourself do not [illegible] any 25c Soap in the mar[illegible]

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Do you know that

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Our Washington Red Cedar are without doubt the best lasting Shingles ever sold anywhere.

We have everything you can possibly want to build with in stock in all grades. Come and see us. We are always glad to show our goods.

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Are now ready for your inspection. Come in and make your selections.

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Boss and Pillsbury's Flour.
Feed from $15 to $18 per ton

Shelled Corn, Buckwheat flour, Wheat, Grain, Poultry Food, Oyster shells, Oil meal for horses.

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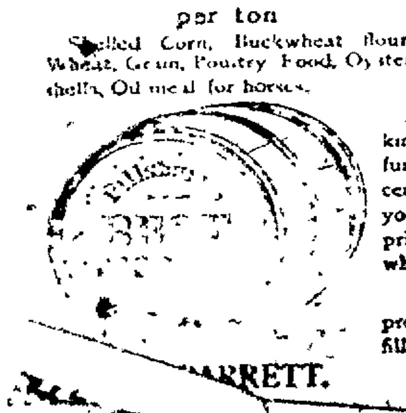

A full line of grain of all kinds kept on hand. Can furnish refined Oats at 35 cents a bushel. I invite you all to call and get prices before buying elsewhere.

Custom grinding done promptly, and all orders filled as soon as they can be [illegible]

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Corner Mill and Mechanic Sts.

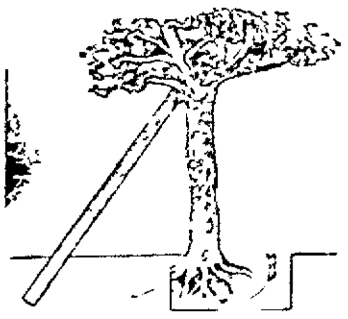
FARM AND GARDEN

TREES AND TIMBER.

Saving Blown Over Trees—Cutting Down Leaning Timber.

It frequently happens that orchard trees are blown over by high winds. When the roots on one side are still intact, such trees can be easily saved. A Michigan correspondent of Ohio Farmer describes his method as follows:

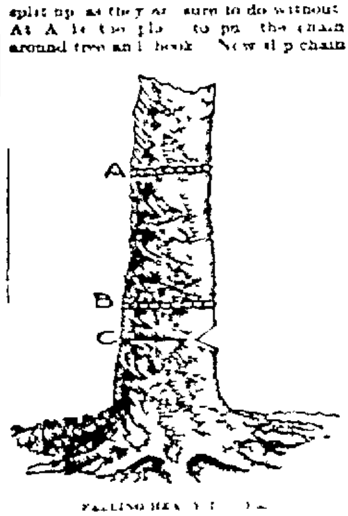
Dig a large hole on the side on which the roots are broken and some 3 or 4 feet deep. Extend this excavation under



RAISING BLOWN TREE.

the body of the tree, so that when it is raised up it will settle about 4 inches lower than what it stood before (see cut). Then trim the tree thoroughly, not by cutting off large limbs, but reduce the leaf surface by cutting away small limbs and twigs and by taking off the ends of the longer limbs. Then raise it into its place and set a fencepost in the ground at an angle so that the tree will rest against the top of it. Then fill in under the roots with sods and rich earth mixed with manure so as to encourage strong root growth. In a few years your trees will be as good as before. Of course this only applies to trees that have not been left too long to keep the tree from withering.

In cutting down large trees for saw logs or trees that lean [illegible] stand straight, those that [illegible] are sure to split and spoil [illegible] that logs. If the farmer will put a good log chain around the tree [illegible] as shown in the second cut [illegible] produced from Ohio Farmer, he will not have any trees split up as they are sure to do without. At A is the place to put the chain around tree and hook. Now slip chain



FALLING LEANING TREE.

down to [illegible] inches of row marks [illegible] If [illegible] tight drive in some wooden wedges [illegible] tight. The original [illegible] this way he has cut [illegible] in this way without splitting [illegible] of tree was [illegible] of the ground, 75 feet from the cut.

Hive Ventilation.

The old fashioned way with box hives was to raise [illegible] an inch or so by having a block under each corner of the hive. Possibly harm was sometimes done by that, and in spring and early summer it is important to keep the hive warm so that breeding may not be interrupted, but it is doubtful if in the whole [illegible] as much harm was done as by the practice of many new days in having an entrance throughout the whole working [illegible] than two to five square inches. When the thermometer drops from 100 to 65 degrees within three days, there is a bare possibility that some brood might be chilled in the lower edges of the comb if the hive is raised an inch all around, but you will generally find that the cluster of bees will be sufficient protection for the brood. Bees may do with a three-eighths entrance the width of the hive and many of them get along with no more throughout the winter, but they might do [illegible] better with more. In hot weather certainly the harm is likely to [illegible] from two to three times as much, according to The American Bee Journal.

Waxed Cloth For Budding.

The waxed cloth which is so widely used for budding [illegible] is made by painting thin cotton cloth with grafting wax. The wax has to be heated until quite thin so that it will flow well with a brush, the cloth being stretched on a board. When cool it can be cut into strips about an inch wide and rolled up like a ball of ribbon to keep from drying. Orange Judd Farmer says that in using the heat of the hand is usually sufficient to make it flexible.

Plan For Feeding Bees.

A Pennsylvanian has a simple plan of feeding bees. [illegible] any that had a queen [illegible] bees to keep it warm [illegible] is worth testing. He makes [illegible] granulated sugar and pours [illegible] shallow pans. When cool he lays them [illegible] the frames right over a cluster of bees. Only this and nothing more.

Things That Are Told.

Indications point to a large output of evaporated apples in the north and east.

To prevent asparagus rust, autumn burning is advised [illegible] if the rust has not yet appeared.

Governor Morton has appointed Dr. O. Howard Davison of Millbrook and Lyman P. Haviland of Camden members of the board of control of the New York state experiment station at Geneva.

Reliable, Fulcaster and Ontario Wonder are three of the best yielders of the 31 varieties of wheat tested for the past six years by the Pennsylvania experiment station.

Cold storage arrangements have been made in Boston for the storage of apples. The building is cooled by the circulation of air, and a temperature of about 32 degrees will be maintained.

The tremendous crop of apples has almost annihilated values along the seaboard of Massachusetts.

There is a small cranberry crop in New Jersey.

Good Word For Crimson Clover.

We have crimson clover nearly 8 inches high and a perfect mat over the ground. Such clover is just as good as a coat of manure. It cost less than any manure we can buy. If every plant were to kill out before next spring, we would still be far ahead of the outlay. We would have no more right to blame the clover for dying than we would have to blame the manure for not reproducing itself. That is a fact which farmers must understand. When crimson clover keeps alive until snow covers the ground, or till the "heaving" of spring frosts, it has done enough for you. To live in the spring is heaping up the cup. It's making you a present that you don't always deserve.—Rural New Yorker.

CULTURE OF CELERY.

KALAMAZOO RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF ITS CHIEF CENTERS.

What Hollanders Have Accomplished In the Vicinity of This Michigan Town—Varying Claims as to the Profits of Celery Growing.

Kalamazoo celery is so well known in every part of this country that the name is used for all the better kinds of celery and like Blue Point oysters and Little Neck clams, the guarantee contained in the name sells the article to the exclusion of other brands. The excellence of this celery is said to be due to [illegible] heavy [illegible] careful growing [illegible] and give the plants good culture. Kalamazoo must credit to the soil [illegible] natural conditions as a celery re[illegible]

The celery meadows are just outside the town of Kalamazoo, north and south of the city and surrounded [illegible] divided crosswise by a high ridge [illegible] on which the houses are built [illegible] about three miles long [illegible] common farming [illegible] composed of a peculiar [illegible] muck [illegible] and formerly [illegible] that no [illegible] more than a dozen years ago [illegible] was raised [illegible] none for shipment to other markets. J. [illegible] Dunkley [illegible] first was one of the pioneers in the industry [illegible] recognizing the peculiar value of the muck soil for celery. He owned one of the earliest celery farms, and it is reported that he amassed a fortune from the business before it was injured by competition.

In recent years the output has been so enormous that prices have dropped from 30 cents to 10 cents per dozen, and many growers have been complaining. The seasons of 1892 [illegible] comparatively poor ones and a number of the growers left their farms to engage in the same business in the suburbs of New York, but they soon returned [illegible]

[illegible]

The bunches of celery are packed in wooden boxes and shipped [illegible] The boxes are made in [illegible] a number of mechanics [illegible] into town [illegible] fertilizer. It is claimed [illegible]

[illegible]

The question of profit in celery growing is in dispute [illegible] and [illegible] strawberry farming [illegible] of farm [illegible] (there claims that [illegible] $200 [illegible] per acre [illegible] Kalamazoo [illegible] day.—[illegible] New York Post.

Pressure at the Earth's Center.

The philosophers [illegible] have figured on the condition of things at the earth's center [illegible] which vary widely. Some think that the earth's interior is [illegible] matter [illegible] at the present [illegible] have [illegible] far as to say that a [illegible] square [illegible] only 2 [illegible] below the earth's surface.

Clovers and Grasses.

It is customary to mow for a year or two land that is to be eventually turned into a permanent pasture field. The clovers particularly fit the field for permanent pasture grasses. The grasses are, with a few exceptions, what at the present time are termed nitrogen consumers. The legumes are nitrogen gatherers. While clovers that are used for forage crops do not maintain the nitrogen so well in the land, they are particularly fitted to provide plants that require nitrogen. The clovers through the aid of bacteria make use of a considerable amount of free nitrogen of the atmosphere. While it is not expected that red clovers or alsike will maintain themselves very long, yet their decaying roots and stems leave a good deal of this valuable food nitrogen for grass which will come naturally.

If the seeding is to be made after wheat and mowed for a year or two before being pastured, sow largely clover and timothy, particularly if it is in a locality where the bluegrass comes in naturally. In many localities when the land is seeded to clover and timothy, the bluegrass will come in naturally and form a thick turf in a short time. If it is not a natural bluegrass country, then some bluegrass should be sown, from one-half bushel to a bushel per acre, or it may be sown in corn at the last cultivating. Sow in the spring a mixture of three parts red clover to one of alsike, 8 to 12 pounds per acre.—Bulletin Pennsylvania Station.

The tickets to the village ball were not transferable, and this was the way they read: "Admit this gentleman to ball in assembly rooms. No gentleman admitted unless he comes himself."

A wood pulp mill in Christiania, Norway, has begun making roofing tiles out of wood pulp chemically treated. They are light, strong and cheap.

THE FIELDS IN WINTER.

Fall Plowing Advocated—Cover Crops. Value of Crimson Clover.

The majority of farmers have not yet learned how to prepare the land for winter. They may understand all about fitting it in the spring for the seed, but this preparation for winter is most important. More than one half of the rain which falls during winter and the larger part of the water from melting snow is lost to the soil because the ground has not been put in condition to take up this water and hold it as a supply to be drawn upon later in the season by growing crops. Thus writes a Rural New Yorker correspondent, who advises the following suggestions:

Fall plowing, especially of clay land, should be [illegible] If the ground is in [illegible] physical condition, leave it [illegible] without harrowing so that the clods may be acted upon by the rains and frosts and pulverized. The water instead of running off on the surface can sink into the soil and be saved. Fall plowing will destroy the larvae of many injurious insects. A clay soil [illegible] good condition [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the soil [illegible] known to the farmers of this [illegible] Ten pounds of the seed per acre sown in the corn just ahead of the last cultivation, about the middle of July, would now make a covering for the soil, would be storing up nitrogen, the most costly element of all fertilizers, and when plowed under in the spring would add in fertility to the land an amount equal in value to $10 or $12 worth of fertilizer per acre. Some farmers [illegible] crimson clover because it does not [illegible] the spring. But it has [illegible]

[illegible]

By the law of [illegible] and the husband or [illegible] to the landlord [illegible] tenant cannot [illegible] of his tenancy. [illegible] English [illegible] the same on this point.

It was said of a handsome but brainless young society man that he made a very good chrysanthemum holder.

Does It Pay to Be Sick?

[illegible] Smethport. [illegible]

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving [illegible] bladder, kidneys [illegible] every part of the urinary passages in male [illegible] Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

[illegible]

English Spavin Liniment removes all [illegible] callused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins [illegible] sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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A TRIBUTE TO ART.

The Maid of Illiteria and the Beautiful Venus de Medici.

Somewhere in Washington—just where is not necessary to the main point at issue in this short article on the development and undevelopment of art in the national capital—is a mansion presided over by a woman of wealth and refinement. She is a most artistic woman, too, and in her house are some unusually fine pieces of painting and statuary. There is also a Milesian maid, by name Maggie, who knows a deal more about housekeeping than she does about sculpture, and Maggie has been trying for a long time to cultivate her taste up to the point of properly appreciating the painted and carved beauty with which she daily comes in contact.

Not many days ago the mistress and the maid were going over the house with brush and broom, putting it in especial order for an unusual event, and [illegible] to a few artists and fish [illegible] and the mistress [illegible] that the [illegible] three several [illegible] by with cold [illegible] of the hand brush a beautiful figure of the "Venus de Medici," in an alcove [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "Why [illegible]

"We'll [illegible] Maggie [illegible]

The Venus [illegible]

[illegible]

It was a delightful and [illegible] perhaps [illegible] Maggie [illegible]

A Wee [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rheumatism Cured In a Day.

Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport. [illegible] Stickles.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. [illegible] the one most used for piles and it always cures them. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport. A. F. Stickles, East Smethport.

I. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of [illegible] I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport.

Soothing and healing, cleansing, strengthening, and not weakening, [illegible] effective, such are the qualities of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport. A. F. Stickles, East Smethport.

Itch on human [illegible] cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

YOUR ENEMY STOLE IN

An enemy stole into your house one day last week and touched you lightly in passing. You thought little of the matter at the time, [illegible] enemy was [illegible] But [illegible] Y [illegible] changed with blood and [illegible] Instead of passing the waste matter out of the body they are damming it up in the blood. Every minute, yes, every heart beat [illegible] the poison in you. Normal action of the kidneys will purify the blood. Nothing else will.

[illegible] Enemy.

[illegible] makes the greatest of [illegible] throughout the [illegible]

Are you Going to buy a

Mower, Reaper or Binder?

[illegible] agent for JOHNSTON HARVESTING CO. of Batavia, N. Y. He will be pleased to show machines and get prices. Also [illegible] low prices.

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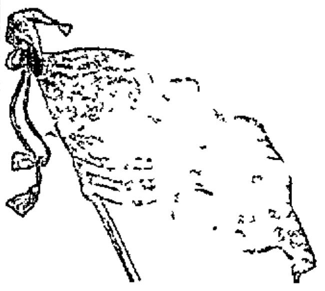

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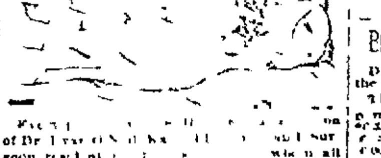

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Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible]
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[illegible] train leaving Smethport [illegible] at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

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[illegible] Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible]
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Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday [illegible]
[illegible]

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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. [illegible] 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] Pullman Parlor car through [illegible] Williamsport and passenger coaches [illegible] to Philadelphia.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. [illegible] Washington [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore. [illegible] sleeper for Baltimore [illegible] Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday, for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and [illegible] leaves Ridgway at [illegible] p. m. for Erie.
[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.
[illegible] p. m.—Train 15, daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 6:05 a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. [illegible] a. m.
Train 15 leaves Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre [illegible] a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p. m. with [illegible] parlor car from Philadelphia to [illegible] coaches to Kane.
Train 3 leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m. [illegible] daily arriving at Emporium Junction 10:23 a. m. with Pullman Palace [illegible] from Philadelphia to Erie and [illegible] Baltimore to Williamsport [illegible] coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
(Daily except Sunday.)

NORTH	STATIONS.	SOUTH A. M.
[illegible]	Ridgway	12 00
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 41
[illegible]	[illegible]	11 27
[illegible]	Gl. Hazel	11 22
[illegible]	Straight	11 10
[illegible]	[illegible]	11 05
[illegible]	[illegible]	10 55
[illegible]	Wesleyan	10 41
[illegible]	Clermont	10 45

[illegible] are made with train 1, leaving [illegible] at 3:27 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 8:30 p. m. [illegible] Ridgway with train 6 leaving Ridgway [illegible] p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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TIME TABLE

Took effect Monday, June [illegible] 1896

[illegible]

[illegible] Master. C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, Nov. [illegible]

[illegible]

Port Allegany. [illegible]

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*Daily except Sunday.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen. [illegible] Bradford, Pa.

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To take effect at [illegible] o'clock a. m. Monday [illegible] 1896.

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